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BACKGROUND OF LABERGE LETTER (REFTEL) REVIEWED BY TCO WITH DOUGLAS QUIRT (DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS BRANCH, AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE), FEBRUARY 11. QUIRT INDICATED THAT USG PROPOSAL HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN COORDINATED WITH HIS OFFICE AND GAVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS. QUIRT NOTED THAT USG ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER (ABC) CONCEPT WAS MUCH MORE LIBERAL THAN THE CANADIAN ONE AND THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT MOVE IN CANADA TO LIBERALIZE ITS RULES WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF ECAC. WHILE A MAJOR POLICY REVIEW IS UNDERWAY WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL CHARTERS, QUIRT SAID HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THIS RESULTED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. CHARTERS, HE NOTED, ARE ALREADY PROVIDING TOO MUCH COMPETITION TO SCHEDULED SERVICES AND, THEREFORE, THE RULES SHOULD NOT BE MADE LOOSER IN SPITE OF PRESSURES FROM THE CANADIAN CHARTER CARRIERS (WARDAIR AND THE REGIONALS). IN CONCLUSION, QUIRT NOTED THAT THE GOC WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DELIGHTED TO CONSULT WITH THE USG AT ANY TIME SHOULD WE WISH TO EXPLORE THE MATTER FURTHER. **ENDERS**

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